

House Resolution 15 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

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1 A Resolution recognizing the relationship between
2 Taiwan and the State of Iowa, supporting Taiwan's
3 efforts to secure entry into the Trans-Pacific
4 Partnership, and endorsing the signing of a
5 bilateral investment agreement between Taiwan and
6 the United States.

7 WHEREAS, relations between the Republic of China
8 (Taiwan) and the United States, and in particular the
9 State of Iowa with which Taiwan shares sister-city
10 and sister-state ties, are marked by strong bilateral
11 trade, educational and cultural exchanges, and
12 tourism; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan, in order to contribute to greater
14 regional integration in the Asia-Pacific region
15 and further promote bilateral investment and trade
16 relations with the United States, seeks to join the
17 Trans-Pacific Partnership, the proposed 21st century
18 trade agreement between the United States and 11 other
19 Asia-Pacific Rim countries; and

20 WHEREAS, negotiations for a bilateral investment
21 agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an
22 important step toward further strengthening bilateral
23 trade and paving the way for entering into a free trade
24 agreement between our two nations thereby increasing
25 Iowa's exports to Taiwan and creating bilateral
26 investment and technical collaboration through tariff
27 reduction and other trade facilitation measures; NOW
28 THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
2 the House of Representatives affirms its commitment to
3 the strong and deepening sister-city and sister-state
4 relationships between Taiwan and the State of Iowa,
5 reaffirms its support for Taiwan's efforts to secure
6 entry into the Trans-Pacific Partnership to contribute
7 to greater regional integration, and endorses the
8 signing of a bilateral investment agreement between
9 Taiwan and the United States to increase exports and
10 facilitate trade and investment with Taiwan; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
12 House of Representatives is hereby directed to send a
13 copy of this Resolution to United States Secretary of
14 State John F. Kerry, the Taipei Economic and Cultural
15 Office in Chicago, Illinois, and the members of Iowa's
16 congressional delegation.